

DEFICIENCIES IN APPROPRIATIONS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 135.]

LETTERS

FROM

THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, WAR, AND NAVY,

TRANSMITTING

Statements in relation to deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1848.

JANUARY 29, 1848.

Ordered to be printed.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *January 19, 1848.*

SIR: Your letter of the 9th instant has been this day received. The estimate of six thousand dollars for extra clerk hire, to which it refers, was intended for the employment of temporary assistance in the department whenever it should be rendered necessary by the calls of Congress, or the increase of current business growing out of the peculiar and active service which the navy has rendered for the last eighteen months, and is still required to perform. The appropriation requested will, of course, not be expended, unless, in the judgment of the department, the public interests shall require it; but I am satisfied, from experience, that while such a fund is always convenient and proper, in order to enable the department to meet a sudden emergency of business, it is at this period of existing war highly important and necessary.

From the balances of old appropriations of this description, which had been carefully husbanded for use, there are now four temporary clerks employed in my office, whose services are very desirable to insure a prompt and efficient discharge of its increasing duties. This assistance, however, cannot be retained unless Congress will, at an early day, provide for its future payment.

I respectfully and earnestly renew the recommendation made in my recent annual estimates, for an appropriation of six thousand dollars for extra clerk hire, and hope that your committee will feel itself at liberty to join in the recommendation.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. Y. MASON.

HON. SAMUEL F. VINTON,
Chairman Committee of Ways and Means, H. R.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 4, 1848.

SIR: I have had the honor to receive your note of yesterday's date, with enclosures, relating to a claim of Mr. Jasper Chasseaud, consul at Beyroot, and have, agreeably to your request, perused the latter, which are returned to you herewith.

Provision was first made for the salary of a consul at Beyroot in the act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending on the 30th June, 1844, by an appropriation for that object of \$500. Similar appropriations were made for the years ending on the 30th days of June, 1845 and 1846. But, the consul having failed to give the bond required by law, it was considered that he had not legally entered upon the duty of the office, and consequently no part of the appropriations made for his salary was paid to him.

An act was passed on the 3d of August, 1846, entitled "An act for the relief of John Chasseaud, the consul of the United States for Syria and Palestine," by which the Secretary of the Treasury was directed to pay to "John Chasseaud, consul of the United States for Syria and Palestine, whatever amount might be due said Chasseaud for salary while acting as consul aforesaid," &c. &c. Under this act the salary of Mr. Jasper Chasseaud was paid from the 6th of August, 1842, to 3d August, 1846, inclusive.

Mr. Chasseaud having still failed to give bond when the estimates for the years ending on the 30th days of June, 1847 and 1848, were prepared, no estimate was made for his salary for those years. On the 18th of September, 1847, the bond was received at this department, was approved, and has been transmitted to the treasury, as will appear by the copy of a letter addressed to Mr. E. C. Hamilton, enclosed. In the estimates prepared in October following, the salary of the consul at Beyroot for the years ending 30th June, 1848 and 1849, was included.

If it is determined to pay the salary for the period previous to the filing a bond, an addition to the estimate will be requisite. In that case the estimate (page 4 of the printed estimates) may be amended by striking out all after the word "Beyroot," and inserting "from the 4th of August, 1846, to the 30th of June, 1848, \$953 80." It may also be necessary to grant authority by law for the payment of the salary from the 4th of August, 1846, to the 18th of September, 1847, notwithstanding the failure of the consul to file the bond required by law.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES BUCHANAN.

Hon. SAMUEL F. VINTON,

*Chairman of Committee of Ways and Means,
House of Representatives.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, September 21, 1847.

SIR: I have received your letter transmitting the official bond of Jasper Chasseaud, Esq., United States consul at Beyroot, Syria, which has been approved and transmitted to the Treasury Department.

In reply to your inquiries respecting the payment of salary to Mr. Chasseaud, I have to state, that by the act of 3d of August, 1846, it was provided that payment should be made of whatever amount might be due to him for salary, which could not have been paid in consequence of his failure to file the bond required by law. Such salary was first provided for in the act making appropriations for the support of government for the year ending 30th June, 1844. Similar appropriations were made for the two subsequent years, but none for the years ending 30th June, 1847 and 1848, and consequently no payment can be made.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES BUCHANAN.

E. C. HAMILTON, Esq., *New York.*

WASHINGTON, *December 31, 1847.*

SIR: Mr. J. Chasseaud, [long] our much respected consul at Beyroot, in Palestine—the port of Jerusalem on the Mediterranean sea—was omitted in the estimates of 1846, because his bonds which he had forwarded from Palestine by a travelling missionary had never reached the Department of State. Upon making up for this informality, Congress passed an act on the 3d of August, 1846, (special,) under which he received his pay at the rate of 500 dollars per annum up to said 3d of August, 1846. The Department of State has continued Mr. Chasseaud in office, and has asked for appropriations to pay him for the years ending 30th June, 1848 and 1849, but owing to the fact not being specially brought to their notice that Mr. C. had received no pay between August 3, 1846, and June 30, 1847, no arrearage was asked for beyond 1847. As this consulate is daily becoming more and more important, and as the department has asked for arrearages for Mr. C. on account of pay, justice seems to require, and Mr. C., through his agent, requests, that the arrearages of pay may be made to cover the amount of salary due him. By adding to the appropriation for the consul at Beyroot, on the 4th page printed estimates, something like the following, the whole matter will be remedied:

“And for arrearages from August 3d, 1846, to June 30th, 1847, \$453 80.”

May I ask you and your associates on the committee to put this faithful public servant in possession of his salary, and oblige your most obedient servant,

J. E. DOW,
Agent for Chasseaud.

Hon. Mr. VINTON,
Chairman Committee Ways and Means.

NEW YORK, *December 23, 1847.*

DEAR SIR: I received your esteemed favor returning my enclosure, and also giving me the gratifying information that the amount due Mr. Chasseaud was in a fair way for payment. Do I understand you that the amount is included in the estimates for salary ending last June, and from

last June up to June, 1848, or only from June, 1847, to 1848, and then from June, 1848, to 1849? You say, for the present year and for the year ending next June, (*a year*, \$500.) He has received his pay only up to September, 1846; consequently, if as I understand you is the fact, he gets nothing from September to June—nine months, or \$375. Let me know how you understand it. I shall wish to avail myself of your services further in drawing the money, and will then remit you a fee with which you will be satisfied.

Believe me, yours truly,

E. C. HAMILTON.

JESSE E. Dow, Esq.

By an act of Congress, passed on the 3d of August, 1846, John (or Jasper) Chasseaud was allowed the salary of United States consul in Syria and Palestine from the 6th of August, 1842, to the date of the passage of the said act, making three years 11 months and 29 days, at the rate of \$500 a year, amounting to \$1,997 27. Since then, nothing has been paid to him.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Fifth Auditor's Office, December 29, 1847.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, January 24, 1848.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of the Paymaster General, giving the details of his estimate for deficiencies of pay, &c., during the current fiscal year; and a report from the Quartermaster General, enclosing a copy of his estimate of November 4, 1847, with his reasons for the reduction made in that estimate, and a statement of the grounds on which his estimate for deficiencies in the current fiscal year was made.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY,

Secretary of War.

HON. SAMUEL F. VINTON,

Chairman Committee of Ways and Means, H. R.

*Estimate of arrearages of pay, &c. of volunteers, for the fiscal year ending
30th June, 1848.*

Description of troops.			Pay, &c. Amount.
1 Battalion New Jersey infantry volunteers—	11 months	-	\$66,734
3 Companies Pennsylvania do	1 year	-	42,000
1 Regiment Maryland and D. C. do	1 year	-	146,693
1 Battalion Virginia do	14 months	-	84,928
1 Company North Carolina do	9 months	-	10,500
1 Company South Carolina do	18 months	-	21,000
1 Battalion Georgia do	1 year	-	72,797
1 Battalion Louisiana do	1 year	-	72,797
1 Battalion Mississippi do	8 months	-	48,532
2 Regiments Tennessee do	9 months	-	220,040
2 Regiments Kentucky do	9 months	-	220,040
1 Regiment Indiana do	13 months	-	158,918
1 Regiment Indiana do	9 months	-	110,020
1 Regiment Ohio do	13 months	-	158,918
1 Regiment Ohio do	10 months	-	122,245
2 Companies Ohio do	9 months	-	21,000
1 Battalion Alabama do	8 months	-	48,532
2 Regiments Illinois do	1 year	-	293,386
1 Company Michigan do	1 year	-	14,000
3 Companies Florida do	15 months	-	52,500
1 Company Wisconsin do	1 year	-	14,000
1 Battalion Missouri do	1 year	-	72,797
1 Battalion (7 comp's) Georgia mounted vol'rs	1 year	-	201,347
1 Battalion (5 comp's) Louisiana do	1 year	-	145,063
1 Company Ohio do	13 months	-	30,487
1 Company Alabama do	1 year	-	28,142
1 Battalion Illinois do	1 year	-	145,063
1 Regiment Missouri do	13 months	-	315,431
1 Battalion Missouri do	13 months	-	157,152
1 Battalion Mo. (3 mounted and 2 foot) comp's	8 months	-	77,850
1 Battalion (4 comp's) Missouri mounted vol'rs	1 year	-	116,921
1 Company Arkansas do	1 year	-	28,142
1 Battalion (5 companies) Texas do	1 year	-	145,063
1 Company Iowa do	1 year	-	28,142
3 Companies re-mustered into service	1 year	-	84,426
1 Regiment, Tennessee	1 year	-	*97,795
1 Regiment, Michigan	1 year	-	*97,795
			3,771,196

* Not embraced in the Adjutant General's table, having been called for on the 8th October, 1847, after the table was prepared.

NOTE.—Ten regiments are included in the Adjutant General's table which are not embraced in this estimate, they having been appropriated for by act of 2d March, 1847.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington City, November 4, 1847.

SIR: I have the honor to submit, in obedience to your orders, the estimates of the funds required for the various objects confided to the administration of this department, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July, 1848, and terminating on the 30th day of June, 1849, with estimates of the probable amounts required for arrearages for the fiscal year terminating on the 30th June, 1848, viz:

For the Quartermaster's Department proper (see paper marked			
A)	-	-	\$17,787,200
For arrearages for the same (ditto)	-	-	7,500,000
			<hr/> \$25,287,200
For camp and garrison equipage and clothing (see paper			
B)	-	-	\$1,441,000
Arrearages for the same	-	-	960,000
			<hr/> 2,401,000
For contingencies of the army (see paper C)	-	-	50,000
For clerks and messenger in the Quartermaster			
General's office (see paper D)	-	\$7,300	
Contingencies for the same	-	800	
			<hr/> 8,100
Clerks and messenger in the office of purchases			
at Philadelphia	-	\$4,200	
Contingencies	-	700	
			<hr/> 4,900
			<hr/> 13,000
			<hr/> 27,751,200

These estimates are based upon the supposition that there will be from fifty to fifty-five thousand men in the pay of the government to be provided for. To keep thirty-five thousand effective men in the field—and that force is far too small for any valuable purpose—the force estimated for will, every man of them, be required.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully, your obedient servant,

TH. S. JESUP,
Quartermaster General.

The Hon. WM. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War, Washington city.

A.

Estimate of funds required for the service of the Quartermaster's Department of the army of the United States for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July, 1848, and ending on the 30th June, 1849, made in accordance with the following acts and regulations, viz :

The 3d section of an act to establish a Quartermaster's Department, approved the 28th of March, 1812. (Laws of the United States, vol. 4, page 396.)

The 3d section of an act to amend the above, approved the 22d of May, 1812. (Laws of the United States, vol. 4, page 437.)

The 5th section of an act of the 3d of March, 1813, the better to provide for the supplies of the army, &c. (Laws of the United States, vol. 4, page 520.)

The 9th section of an act organizing the general staff, &c., approved 24th of April, 1816. (Laws of the United States, vol. 6, page 91.)

The 10th section of an act to increase the present military establishment, approved July 5, 1838. (Laws of the United States, vol. 9, page 824.)

The act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and Mexico, approved May 13, 1846. (Pamphlet Laws, 1st session 29th Congress, page 14.)

The act authorizing an increase of the rank and file of the army of the United States, approved May 13, 1846. (Pamphlet Laws, 1st session 29th Congress, page 16.)

An act for the organization of a company of sappers, miners, and pontoniers, approved May 15, 1846. (Pamphlet Laws, 1st session 29th Congress, page 19.)

The act to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, approved May 19, 1846. (Pamphlet Laws, 1st session 29th Congress, page 20.)

An act supplemental to the act providing for the prosecution of the war with Mexico, approved June 18, 1846. (Pamphlet Laws, 1st session 29th Congress, page 24.)

An act providing for the organization of the volunteer forces brought into the service of the United States, approved June 19, 1846. (Pamphlet Laws, 1st session 29th Congress, page 29.)

The act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, approved February 11, 1847. (Pamphlet Laws, 2d session 29th Congress, page 12.)

The act making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1847. (Pamphlet Laws, 2d session 29th Congress, page 109.)

And the regulations of the War Department made in conformity with those acts.

1st.—Regular supplies.

For fuel - - - - -	\$150,000
For forage in kind for the authorized number of officers' horses, and for the horses, mules, and oxen belonging to the Quartermaster's Department at the several military posts and stations, and for the horses of the three regiments of dragoons, the eight companies of light artillery, and the regiment of mounted riflemen - - -	5,000,000
For straw for soldiers' bedding - - -	24,000
For stationery, including company and other blank books for the army, certificates for discharged soldiers, blank forms for the Pay and Quartermaster's Department, and the printing of general, division, and department orders, army regulations, and general regulations - - -	38,200
	<hr/> \$5,212,200

2d.—Barracks, quarters, storehouses, &c.

For repairing and enlarging barracks, quarters, storehouses, and hospitals at the several posts; for erecting temporary cantonments at such posts as may be occupied during the year, and gun-houses for the protection of cannon at the several posts and military works, including the necessary tools and materials for the objects enumerated, and for the authorized furniture of the barrack rooms of non-commissioned officers and soldiers, building and repairing stables for dragoons, light artillery, and mounted riflemen - \$1,000,000

For rent of quarters for officers, barracks for troops at posts where there are no public buildings for their accommodation, and of storehouses for the safekeeping of subsistence, clothing, &c., and of grounds for summer cantonments, and encampments for military purposes - 120,000

\$1,120,000

3d.—Transportation of officers' baggage.

For mileage, or the allowance made to officers for transportation when travelling on duty without troops - - - - - 100,000

4th.—Transportation of troops and supplies.

Of the army, including the baggage of troops when moving either by land or water, freights and ferriages, the purchase and hire of horses, mules, oxen, carts, wagons, and boats, for the transportation of supplies and for garrison purposes; drayage and cartage at the several posts; hire of teamsters; transportation of funds for the Pay Department; the expense of sailing public transports, and of procuring water at such posts as from their situation require it - 7,000,000

Of clothing, from the dépôt at Philadelphia to the stations of the troops - - - - - 100,000

Of subsistence from the places of purchase, and from the places of delivery under contracts, to such places as the circumstances of the service may require it to be sent - - - - - 300,000

Of ordnance, ordnance stores, and small arms, from the foundries and armories to the arsenals, fortifications, and frontier posts - - - - - 130,000

7,530,000

5th.—Incidental expenses.

For postage on letters and packets received by officers on public service - - - - - 20,000

For expenses of courts martial and courts of inquiry, including the additional compensation to judge advocates, members, and witnesses, while on that service, under the act of the 16th of March, 1802	\$30,000
For extra pay to soldiers employed in the erection of barracks and quarters, the construction of roads, and other constant labor, for a period of not less than ten days, under the act of the 2d March, 1819	50,000
For expenses of expressers to and from the frontier posts, of escorts to paymasters, of the necessary articles for the interment of non-commissioned officers and soldiers, hire of laborers, compensation of clerks to officers of the Quartermaster's Department at posts where their duties cannot be performed without such aid, and compensation to agents in charge of dismantled works, and to such wagon and forage masters as it may be necessary to employ under the act of 5th July, 1838	2,500,000
For various expenses necessary to keep the three regiments of dragoons, the eight companies of light artillery, and the regiment of mounted riflemen complete, including the purchase of travelling forges, blacksmith's tools, iron, horse and mule shoes, nails, medicines, &c.	100,000
For the purchase of horses for mounts and remounts of those regiments and companies	1,100,000
For the apprehension of deserters, and the expenses incident to their pursuit	25,000
	<hr/> \$3,825,000
Total amount required	<hr/> 17,787,200 <hr/>

For arrearages for the fiscal year ending on 30th June, 1848, \$7,500,000

TH. S. JESUP, *Q. M. General.*

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington City, November 4, 1847.

B.

Estimate of clothing, and camp and garrison equipage, and horse equipments for the army of the United States, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st of July, 1848, and ending on the 30th of June, 1849, and of arrearages for the fiscal year ending on 30th June, 1848.

For clothing, camp and garrison equipage, and horse equipments	\$1,441,000
For arrearages for the fiscal year ending on 30th June, 1848	960,000

TH. S. JESUP, *Q. M. General.*

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington City, November 4, 1847.

C.

Estimate of contingencies of the army of the United States, for the year commencing on the 1st of July, 1848, and ending on 30th June, 1849.

For contingencies of the army	-	-	-	-	<u>\$50,000</u>
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TH. S. JESUP,
Quartermaster General.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington City, November 4, 1847.

D.

Estimate of salaries of clerks and messengers in the office of the Quartermaster General, and in the office of purchases at Philadelphia, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st of July, 1848, and ending on the 30th of June, 1849, and of office contingencies for the same period.

In the office of the Quartermaster General.

1 clerk, at \$1,600 per annum	-	-	-	-	\$1,600
1 clerk, at \$1,200 " " -	-	-	-	-	1,200
4 clerks, at \$1,000 " " -	-	-	-	-	4,000
1 messenger, at \$500 per annum	-	-	-	-	500
					<u>7,300</u>

(Per act of Congress of May 9, 1836.)

In the office of purchases, at Philadelphia.

1 clerk, at \$1,550 per annum	-	-	-	-	\$1,550
1 clerk, at \$1,100 " " -	-	-	-	-	1,100
1 clerk, at \$850 " " -	-	-	-	-	850
1 messenger, at \$700 per annum	-	-	-	-	700
					<u>4,200</u>

(Per acts of Congress of 26th May, 1824, and 23d August, 1842.)

For contingencies of Quartermaster General's office.

For blank books, binding, and stationery	-	-	-	-	\$300
For labor	-	-	-	-	100
For printing	-	-	-	-	100
For miscellaneous objects	-	-	-	-	300
					<u>800</u>

Contingencies of the office of purchases.

For office rent	-	-	-	-	\$500
For blank books, stationery, &c.	-	-	-	-	200
					<u>700</u>

Recapitulation.

Clerks and messenger in Quartermaster General's office	-	\$7,300
Clerks and messenger in office of purchases	-	4,200
Contingent expenses of Quartermaster General's office	-	800
Contingent expenses of office of purchases	-	700
		<u>12,000</u>

TH. S. JESUP,
Quartermaster General.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington City, November 4, 1847.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington City, January 18, 1848.

SIR: I have the honor to report, under the call of the committee of the House of Representatives for "a statement *in detail*, showing the causes which have produced the deficiency in the appropriation for the Quartermaster's Department for the present fiscal year," that until the accounts of the officers of the department for the present as well as the last fiscal year be all presented for settlement, a statement in the detail which it seems the committee expects, would be impossible. I can only state in general terms, as I reported to you on the 24th of November last, that the deficiency has arisen principally from the employment of a much larger force than was estimated for, as well during the last as the present year; that deficiency has been increased by the necessity of making expenditures on account of other departments, and of furnishing horses and equipments for volunteer cavalry and artillery, neither of which had been provided for in the estimates, as well as by the loss of large amounts of public property by shipwreck and by capture by the enemy.

The force for which the estimates for the last fiscal year were presented, and for which appropriations were made, was—

	Men.
Of the regular army, about	13,000
And of volunteers	25,000
Making an aggregate of	<u>38,000</u>

The Adjutant General states the whole force in service during that year at about 61,000; during a portion of the year it was not so large, but throughout the entire year it was greatly above that estimated for.

The estimates for the present fiscal year were presented and the appropriations made for the regular army as increased during the last session of Congress, and for ten thousand volunteers; making an aggregate of 36,400 men. The volunteer force has been more than double that estimated for; and though the regular force has been not quite so large as the estimate, the whole force thus far has been from forty-five to fifty thousand men, averaging more than ten thousand above the estimate.

That the present condition of the department may be understood by you, as well as by the committee, I present a statement of its fiscal concerns from and including the 1st of July, 1845:

The balance in the treasury on that day, was	-	-	\$404,308
And in the hands of officers	-	-	231,099
The appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1846, were:			
By the act of March 3d	-	-	\$772,000
By the act of May 8th	-	-	760,000
By the act of May 13th, portion of \$10,000,000 for Quartermaster's Department	-	-	3,582,821
By the act of May 19th, for mounted riflemen	-	-	76,500
			<hr/> 5,191,321
For the year ending June 30, 1847:			
Act of July 20th, 1846	-	-	6,469,020
Act of August 8th, 1846	-	-	1,829,675
Act of March 2d, 1847	-	-	4,000,000
			<hr/> 12,298,695
From sales of public property:			
June 30, 1846	-	-	20,510
June 30, 1847	-	-	49,550
			<hr/> 70,060
Money captured from the enemy	-	-	19,695
Money from customs, &c., in Mexico	-	-	27,266
			<hr/> 117,021
			<hr/> 18,242,444
Amount transferred from the Navy Department, Mexican hostilities	-	-	1,000,000
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Whole available means for the last two fiscal years ending June 30, 1847	-	-	19,242,444
From which are to be deducted amount expended as per accounts rendered during the year ending June 30, 1846	-	-	2,327,236
Ditto in the year ending June 30, 1847	-	-	16,727,422
			<hr/> 19,054,658
			<hr/> 187,786
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In addition to this balance, it is estimated that the charges which accrued in the last year, and which have been, or are yet to be, defrayed from the appropriations of the present year, (\$13,338,400,) exceed three millions of dollars, leaving not more than ten millions of dollars available. I estimate the expenses of the present year at sixteen millions of dollars. Three or four hundred thousand dollars may probably be derived from the sale of damaged property, and from customs in Mexico; for the balance, say \$5,600,000, an appropriation will be necessary. The balance in the treasury is about \$2,400,000. I have estimates for \$500,000 of that sum, which must be immediately applied to the service in the interior of Mexico. The remainder, it is believed, will carry the department through the month of February.

I submit a copy of the estimate presented on the 4th of November.

That estimate for the service of the year was reduced in consequence of the information which you communicated to me as to the policy intended

to be adhered to by the Executive, and from having ascertained, between the 4th and the 25th of November, that the expenses of supporting the troops in the interior of Mexico were not so great as I had estimated them. The latter consideration induced me to reduce the estimates for arrearages in the Quartermaster's Department. The estimate for clothing and equipments, as well as for arrearages in that branch of service, was reduced by deducting from it the value of the whole stock in the store in Philadelphia. Should there be no heavy losses of property, and no extraordinary operations undertaken during the year, and the troops be not increased, I think the sums asked for will be sufficient; but the most rigid economy will be required, to make them do.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

TH. S. JESUP,
Quartermaster General.

The Hon. WM. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War, Washington City.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 14, 1848.

GENERAL: In reply to your request of the 12th instant, to be informed what force was in service during the fiscal year terminating on the 30th June, 1847, I have to inform you that, according to the nearest estimates that can be made in this office, the probable strength may be stated at 61,229.

I am, General, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. JONES, *Adjutant General.*

Brevet Major General T. S. JESUP,
*Quartermaster General United States Army,
City of Washington.*

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 5, 1848.

SIR: In the letter of the Paymaster General, submitting his estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1849, [Ex. Doc. No. 2, present session, p. 71,] it was remarked that more volunteers had been called into service within the present fiscal year than were appropriated for by Congress, and that he would have to estimate for an arrearage so soon as the official returns showing the average strength of the several regiments should be received, to enable him to ascertain the amount that would be required.

I have now the honor to submit a report from the Paymaster General, stating that the sum of three million seven hundred and seventy one thousand dollars will be required for that object, and to request that this amount may be appropriated for pay and allowances of volunteers during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1848. It will be seen from the report that the funds will be needed on or before the 1st of April next.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

Hon. S. F. VINTON,
Chairman Committee of Ways and Means, H. R.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
January 4, 1848.

SIR: In my letter to you of the 6th of November last, accompanying the estimates of the Pay Department for the ensuing fiscal year, I stated that more volunteers had been called into service than were appropriated for, and that I should have to estimate for an arrearage so soon as the official returns showing the average strength of the several regiments were received.

From the fullest information I have been able to obtain, it will require \$3,771,000 to complete the payment of the troops to the close of the present fiscal year.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
N. TOWSON,
Paymaster General.

P. S.—If an appropriation is made by the 1st of April, it will answer.
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Hon. W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
January 7, 1848.

SIR: In compliance with the request of the Committee of Ways and Means, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of the Adjutant General's statement containing the data on which the estimate for arrearages of pay for the present fiscal year is founded.

The estimate herewith includes the pay of two regiments not embraced in the Adjutant General's table, they having been called for after that paper was prepared.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
N. TOWSON,
Paymaster General.

Hon. W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

Statement of the volunteer force now in the service of the United States, and being mustered into service under existing requisitions, computing the several companies at eighty rank and file, with a view to furnishing data upon which to make the annual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1849.

STATE.	Description and amount of force.				Total commiss'd officers.	Total non-com-mis'd officers, musicians, &c.	Aggregate.	Remarks.
	No. of regi-ments.	No. of batta-lions.	No. of sepa-rate compa-nies.	Total No. of companies.				
Massachusetts -	1 infantry	-	-	10 infantry	43	800	843	Between 7th December, 1846, and 23d Feb., 1847.
New York -	2 infantry	-	-	20 infantry	86	1,600	1,686	Col. Stevenson's regiment, 1st Aug., 1846. Colonel Burnett's regiment, 3d to 30th Dec., 1846.
New Jersey -	-	1 infantry	-	5 infantry*	21	400	421	Four companies, 5th June to 26th September, 1847.
Pennsylvania -	2 infantry	-	3 infantry	23 infantry†	98	1,840	1,938	First regiment, 14th to 17th Dec., 1846. Second regi-ment, 22d Dec., 1846, to 5th Jan., 1847. Two com-panies 18th and 26th May, 1847.
Maryland and Dis- trict of Columbia.	-	-	-	3 infantry	13	240	253	Three companies 11th May to 26th July, 1847. Three companies 5th June to 27th July, 1847. One com-pany 4th August.
	-	1 infantry	-	1 artillery	4	80	84	
	-	-	-	5 infantry‡	21	400	421	
Total -	-	1 infantry	-	9	38	720	758	
Virginia -	1 infantry	1 infantry	-	15 infantry§	64	1,200	1,264	One regiment 14th Dec., 1846, to 28th Jan., 1847. Two companies 28th January to 25th Feb., 1847. One company 18th March, 1847.

* Four companies only raised—fifth will probably fail.

† One company not yet raised.

‡ Two of these companies not raised, and will probably fail.

§ Two of these companies not complete.

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Mis. No. 14.

STATE.	Description and amount of force.				Total commis'd officers.	Total non-com-mis'd officers, musicians, &c.	Aggregate.	Remarks.
	No. of regi-ments.	No. of batta-lions.	No. of sepa-rate compa-nies.	Total No. of companies.				
North Carolina -	1 infantry	-	1 infantry*	11 infantry	47	880	927	One regiment 8th January to 10th April, 1847.
South Carolina -	1 infantry	-	1 infantry†	11 infantry	47	880	927	One regiment 14th and 21st Dec., 1846. One company 20th Jan., 1847.
Georgia - -	-	1 horse 1 infantry	- -	7 horse 5 infantry‡	30	560	590	One company 27th May; five companies 1st and 4th Sept., 1847. One company 4th Sept.; four companies 5th June and 15th September, 1847.
					21	400	421	
Total -	-	2	-	12	51	960	1,011	
Louisiana - -	-	1 horse 1 infantry	- -	5 horses§ 15 infantry	22	400	422	One regiment 5th Dec., 1846, to 6th Jan., 1847. Five companies 19th May to 1st June; two companies 13th and 16th July, 1847. Three companies 7th and 9th August.
					64	1,200	1,264	
Total -	1	2	-	20	86	1,600	1,686	
Mississippi -	1 infantry	1 riflemen	-	15 infantry	64	1,200	1,264	One regiment 2d to 6th January, 1847.
Tennessee -	2 infantry¶	-	-	20 infantry	86	1,600	1,686	
Kentucky - -	2 infantry**	-	-	20 infantry	86	1,600	1,686	

Indiana	-	-	2 infantry††	-	-	20 infantry	86	1,600	1,686	One regiment 28th May and 15th June, 1847.
Ohio	-	-	-	-	1 horse	1 horse	4	80	84	One regiment 21st May and 28th June, 1847. One company 1st June; one regiment 1st and 16th September, 1847.
			2 infantry	-	2 infantry††	22 infantry	94	1,760	1,854	
Total	-	-	2	-	3	23	98	1,840	1,938	
Alabama	-	-	-	-	1 horse	1 horse	4	80	84	One company 17th June, 1847.
			1 infantry§§	-	-	5 infantry	21	400	421	
Total	-	-	-	1	1	6	25	480	505	
Illinois	-	-	-	1 horse	-	5 horse	21	400	421	One regiment 21st May and 2d June. One company 22d May. One regiment 26th June and 31st July. Two companies 10th and 13th August.
			2 infantry	-	-	20 infantry	86	1,600	1,686	
Total	-	-	2	1	-	25	107	2,000	2,107	
Missouri	-	-	1 horse	1 horse	-	17 horse†††	74	1,360	1,434	One regiment 14th May and 12th June; five companies 10th to 26th May; five companies 24th June, 1847.
			-	-	-	1 artillery ^o	4	80	84	
			1 infantry	-	-	7 inf'ry ^{oo}	29	560	589	
Total	-	-	1	2	-	25	107	2,000	2,107	
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	1 horse	1 horse	4	80	84	15th June, 1847.

* Authorized to be raised September 4, 1847.

† Two companies authorized, (Dec. 28, 1846,) only one raised.

‡ Four raised; fifth nearly complete.

§ All the calls for mounted men from Louisiana failed except for these five companies, and they were furnished with horses by the United States.

|| Not yet raised: called for July 17, 1847.

¶ Authorized to be raised August 26, 1847.

** Authorized to be raised Aug. 26, 1847.

†† One regiment authorized to be raised, August 26, 1847.

‡‡ Authorized to be raised September 8, 1847.

§§ Called for April 19, 1847; not a single

company raised: will probably fail.

||| Muster rolls of three companies only received.

¶¶ Two of these companies called for July

24: not yet raised.

^o Called for July 24, 1847: not yet raised.

^{oo} Two companies called for July 24: not yet raised.

STATEMENT—Continued.

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Mis. No. 14.

STATE.	Description and amount of force.				Total commis'd officers.	Total non-com-mis'd officers, musicians, &c.	Aggregate.	Remarks.
	No. of regi-ments.	No. of batta-lions.	No. of sepa-rate compa-nies.	Total No. of companies.				
Texas - - (Not exactly kno'n.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Four companies (war men) 19th Feb. and 24th May; two companies (war men) 18th and 22d Oct., 1846. One company (war men) 5th April; one company (12 months) 12th May; seven companies (Colonel Hays', 12 months) 10th May to 23d July.
Michigan - -	-	-	1 infantry*	1 inf'ry	4	80	84	18th June, 1847.
Florida - -	-	-	3 infantry†	3 inf'ry	12	240	252	13th Aug., 1847, 8th Jan., and one 9th April, 1847.
Iowa - -	-	-	1 horse‡	1 horse	4	80	84	15th July, 1847.
Wisconsin -	-	-	1 infantry§	1 inf'ry	4	80	84	10th July, 1847.
Remustered compa-nies. (Old 12-months vol-unteers.)	Cap. Boyd's Cap. Wheat's Cap. Mean's	- - -	1 horse 1 horse 1 horse	1 horse 1 horse 1 horse	4 4 4	80 80 80	84 84 84	8th June, 1847. 20th May, 1847. 27th May, 1847.
Total -	-	-	3	3	12	240	252	
Grand total -	21	12	19	300	1,280	24,000	25,280	

* Garrisoning Forts Mackinac and Brady.

† Garrisoning Fort Atkinson.

‡ Two of these companies are twelve-months men, and one of them garrisons Fort Brooke.

§ Garrisoning Fort Crawford.

RECAPITULATION.

Horse	•	-	1	4	7	41	175	3,280	3,445
Artillery	•	-	-	-	-	2	8	160	168
Infantry	•	-	20	8	12	257	1,097	20,560	21,657
Aggregate force*			21	12	19	300	1,280	24,000	25,280

* Equal to thirty regiments, estimating each regiment at ten companies.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, December 17, 1847.

SIR: By the 2d section of the act of Congress making appropriations for certain defensive works of the United States for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1846, passed the 8th of August, 1846, authority was given to the President to settle the title to the Pea Patch island, in the Delaware, by abitation or reference. The authority therein given has been exercised by appointing John Sergeant arbitrator, or referee, and the matter has been submitted to him and the parties fully heard. The expenses incurred in carrying the said act into effect are estimated to amount to \$5,000, to meet which no appropriation has been made. I respectfully request that provision be made by Congress for that purpose. I herewith transmit to you a letter from the Solicitor of the Treasury to me on the subject, together with one to him from the Hon. John M. Clayton, employed as counsel on the part of the United States.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY, *Secretary of War.*

Hon. S. F. VINTON,

Chairman Committee of Ways and Means, H. R.

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY,

December 6, 1847.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose you a copy of a report of Hon. John M. Clayton in relation to the trial of the Pea Patch case, and of my letter to Major Sanders. I will thank you to instruct the latter in relation to the maps, &c., referred to.

Allow me to call your attention to the necessity of making an estimate to meet the expenses of this trial, which will probably be between four and five thousand dollars. I recommend asking for the larger sum.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. H. GILLET, *Solicitor.*

Hon. W. L. MARCY,

Secretary of War.

PHILADELPHIA, *December 4, 1847.*

SIR: The trial of the title to the Pea Patch island, in the Delaware, is ended. It has lasted a long time: many weeks were occupied in collecting evidence, and laying it before the arbitrator, Mr. Sergeant. We met first in the district court room, then adjourned to the supreme court room, and finally argued the cases in *Independence Hall*, Mr. Sergeant occupying John Hancock's seat—a very proper place to consider the subject of the city's defence and means of self-protection. The argument began on Saturday, the 26th, and ended yesterday evening, occupying about forty hours.

The title of the United States was sustained by the clearest evidence. I consider the result inevitable. I do not believe the government can show as much evidence to support its title to anything else in its possession.

The arbitrator will probably send you his decision in a few weeks.

I have been delayed here since I closed the argument, collecting my books and papers, many of which must be left with the arbitrator. The maps and charts, sent to me from Washington, are necessarily left with Mr. Wallace, the secretary of the arbitrator. Please charge Major Sanders with the care of these things. I would willingly carry them with me to Washington, but the arbitrator must have them for the present.

The trial has been full and fair. I gave Messrs. Bibb and Eaton every paper and document they desired from the departments, but objected to the *depositions* taken on the trial before judge Baldwin, and, after argument, had them *ruled out*. They were manifestly unjust and improper evidence. The "Senate document" (which Mr. Spencer, Secretary of War, agreed to admit) was also, on our motion, all ruled out as manifestly illegal evidence.

We took a volume of evidence—much of it by depositions. I have certified all proper bills, as you directed.

The historical and philosophical societies in this city have kindly furnished us with much evidence on this trial, and the bar association of the city was very kind in offering us all the use of their valuable law library. To George Washington Smith, esq., a member of the Historical Society, we were indebted for the first knowledge we ever had of the existence and place of custody of the royal charters, under which we established our title.

Accept my thanks for the promptness with which you have answered all my letters, and supplied all the evidence to be had in the departments at Washington.

Very respectfully, &c.,

JNO. M. CLAYTON.

R. H. GILLET, Esq.,

Solicitor, &c., Washington.

